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| Serial No.: 08/950,760 | ) | Group Art Unit: 2755 |
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| For: REMOTE OBJECT ACTIVATION | ) | |
| IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM | ) | |

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

### AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 1998, please extend the period of

time for response three months, ending on June 24, 1999, in accordance with the petition for a

three-months extension of time along with the appropriate fee, filed concurrently herewith. Also,

please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice and add new claims 28 - 53, as follows:

— 28. A method in a data processing system having a group of objects in a process, the

method comprising the steps of: